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To: Members of the General Assembly of South Carolina

The Joint Legislative Committee on Aging, created in 1969 by Concurrent Resolution H.1286 and in 1978 made a permanent committee by Act 402 (Section 2-51-10), is pleased to submit the Twenty-sixth Annual Report of the Committee.

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/s/Representative Patrick B. Harris, Chairman
/s/Representative Dave C. Waldrop, Jr., Vice-Chairman
/s/Representative Denny Woodall Neilson

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/s/Senator Ernest L. Passailaigue
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I. BRIEF HISTORY

In 1959 the first Joint Legislative Committee "to study the needs and problems relating to the aged citizens in South Carolina" was created. This Committee continued its work until 1963. By 1969 the need for a committee to study the problems of the elderly in South Carolina was again evident and the legislature created such a committee under Concurrent Resolution No. 1286. This Committee continued under the authority of continuing resolutions until 1978 when the General Assembly found "the Committee to Study Public and Private Service, Programs and Facilities of the Aging fulfills a necessary and continuing legislative need and that the functions of the Committee can be more properly fulfilled by a permanent Committee," Act 402 (Code 2-51-10, 1978).

The Committee is made up of three members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, three members of the House, appointed by the Speaker of the House, and three members appointed by the Governor. Serving as chair of the Committee have been Representative Martha Thomas Fitzgerald, 1959-1963; Senator Richard Riley, 1969-1976; Senator Hyman Rubin, 1977-1984. Representative Patrick B. Harris is the current Chairman, elected on November 29, 1984.

II. PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Annual Public Hearing of the Committee on Aging was held in Columbia on September 21, 1994. Testimony was received from 31 persons representing individual interests, state agencies, organizations and service delivery groups. Over 100 persons attended the hearing.

The record of the hearing is available in the office of the Committee, 212 Blatt Building. Transcription copies are provided to appropriate state agencies and upon request to individuals and organizations.

The Committee met on November 30, 1994, to review the public hearing testimony, to receive reports, to discuss proposed legislation and to determine the 1995 legislative priorities.

III. LEGISLATION INTRODUCED BY THE COMMITTEE

Copies of Acts, Bills, and Bill Status may be obtained from
Legislative Information 1-800-922-1539, 734-2060

ENACTED 1995:

ADVISORY COUNCIL, DIVISION ON AGING, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR (H.3190/R51, Act No. A30, S.350)

Effective Date: April 10, 1995

This Act changes the Division on Aging, Office of the Governor's Advisory Commission to the Advisory Council and revises its composition to have one member from each of the ten (10) planning and service areas under the Division on Aging and five (5) from the state at large appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE - SPECIAL CARE UNITS STUDY

(H.3212, S.329/R23, Act No. __) Effective Date: April 4, 1995

This Act directs the Department of Health and Environmental Control to study if there is a need for specific licensing criteria for facilities which provide care units and other specialized programs for individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders. Findings to be reported to the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging before January 1, 1996.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE REGISTRY (H.3929, S.703/R121, Act No. __)

Effective Date: June 12, 1995
This Act amends the Code so as to change the name to Alzheimer's Disease Registry, change the membership of the advisory committee to be the same as the Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center Advisory Council and list duties, require an annual report, and provide a link with the Budget and Control Board Office of Research and Statistics.

**CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES
ACT AMENDMENTS (H.3191/R31, Act No. A19, S.347)**

Effective Date: April 4, 1995

This Act requires an operator of a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) to obtain approval from the Department of Consumer Affairs to distribute a dividend or similar distribution; to require an operator of a CCRC to submit a financial plan to the Department for approval if the Department has reason to believe the operator is or may become insolvent; to exempt from certain licensing requirements CCRCs which do not require entrance fees.

ELDERCARE TRUST FUND MONIES

(H.3189, S.351/R4, Act No. A10) Effective Date: March 7, 1995

This Act makes all assets of the Eldercare Trust Fund up to \$200,000 available for disbursement after allowances for operating expenses rather than only 75% and to deposit funds in excess of \$200,000 in a separate account until \$5M accrues; provides that any assets held in the fund under the former provisions must be released and disbursed.

OMNIBUS ADULT PROTECTION ACT AMENDMENTS

(H.3185/R140, Act No. __, S.354) Effective Date: June 12, 1995

This Act provides that no vulnerable adult may be considered abused or neglected for the sole reason that the vulnerable adult is being furnished nonmedical remedial treatment by spiritual means.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

(H.3206/R12, Act No. __, S.330) Effective Date: March 7, 1995

This Joint Resolution directs the Division on Aging, Office of the Governor, to provide information and recommendations to the General Assembly from the 1995 White House Conference on Aging and the 1995 State Conference on Aging for the members' use in developing aging policy and legislation.

PENDING 1995:

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE-STATE HEALTH PLAN

(H.3192, S.346) A bill to require the State Health Plan to address and include projections and standards for specified health services and equipment which have a potential to substantially impact health care cost and accessibility including, but not limited to, the care and treatment of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

STATUS: H.3192 → Referred to House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Cmte., Adjourn debate in sbcmte.; S.346 → Referred to Senate Medical Affairs Cmte.

CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES HOME HEALTH SERVICES (H.3269, S.390)

A bill to exempt from Certificate of Need requirements Home Health Services provided by a CCRC to their residents.

STATUS: H.3269 → PASSED HOUSE with amendments, read second time with amendments, ordered third reading with Notice of General Amendments, debate adjourned, Senators Hayes, Wilson, Gregory and Thomas request to be present; S.390 → Referred to Senate Medical Affairs.

ADULT DAY CARE CREDITS FOR EMPLOYERS (H.3193, S.345)

A bill to require income tax credits be given to employers who provide adult care programs.

STATUS: H.3193 → Referred to House Ways and Means; S.345 → Senate Finance Cmte.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - FAIR MARKET VALUE (H.3188, S.352)

A bill to exempt from residential property tax that amount of fair market value qualifying for the homestead exemption which represents increases in the fair market value of the property occurring after the property first qualifies for the homestead exemption.

STATUS: H.3188 → Referred to House Ways and Means Cmte.; S.352 → Referred to Senate Finance Cmte.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(H.3187, S.353)

A bill to require the homestead exemption amount be adjusted annually to offset increases in the consumer price index and to prescribe the procedure for making the adjustment.

STATUS: H.3187 → Referred to House Ways and Means; S.353 → Referred to Senate Finance Cmte.

MANUFACTURED HOME PARK TENANCY ACT
AMENDMENTS (H.3186, S.348)

A bill relating to grounds for eviction from a manufactured home park, so as to make technical corrections and to delete as grounds for eviction by the park owner taking of the park by eminent domain.

STATUS: H.3186 → Referred to House Labor, Commerce and Industry Cmte., Referred to subcommittee - Real Estate; S.348 → Referred to Senate Labor, Commerce and Industry subcommittee -Property & Development, amendments pending, carried over.

IV. SELECTED LEGISLATION RELATING TO AGING

ENACTED 1995:

1995 OUTSTANDING OLDER SOUTH CAROLINIAN
(H.4214, S.805) Effective Date: May 18, 1995

This House and Senate Resolution recognizes Dr. Allen Edwards of Rock Hill, York County upon receiving the 1995 Outstanding Older South Carolinian Award presented by the Office of the Governor, Division on Aging.

ABSENTEE BALLOT (H.3033/R133, Act No. __) Effective Date: June 12, 1995

This Act lowers the age of persons qualified to vote by absentee ballot from seventy-two to sixty-five years of age.

1995-96 APPROPRIATION BILL (H.3362/R211, Act No. __) Effective Date: July 1, 1995

A bill to make appropriations to meet the ordinary expenses of the state government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1995 and for other purposes.

1995-95 SUPPLEMENTAL BILL (H.3690/R218, Act No. __) Effective Date: Upon approval by Governor, after the Comptroller General closes the state's books on fiscal year 1994-95.

This Act deals with the supplemental appropriation from fiscal year 1994-95 surplus general fund revenues and to provide for the expenditure of these appropriations. Joint Legislative Committee on Aging funded under this Act.

ATTENDANCE OF MEETINGS (H.3026/R132, Act No. __) Effective Date: June 12, 1995

This Act provides that a member of a State Board, Council, Commission, or Committee who has three consecutive unexcused absences from meetings is considered removed from office and a vacancy is created.

FEES IN ESTATE/CONSERVATORSHIP PROCEEDING (S.356/R24, Act No. A15) Effective Date: April 4, 1995, Section 1 to apply retroactively to August 15, 1994.

This Act specifies that fees in estate and conservatorship proceedings must be based upon the gross value of the personal property of the probate estate; to provide for a retroactive refund to taxpayers for the difference between the current fees paid through August 15, 1994 and the reduced fees.

MEDICAID ESTATE RECOVERY AMENDMENT

(S.609/R114, Act No. __) Effective Date: Applies retroactively to July 1, 1994.

This Act further specifies services considered to be medical assistance paid under Medicaid and to revise from whom recovery from an estate may be sought.

RETIREMENT FOR JUDGES/SOLICITORS (S.368/R102,

Act No. __) Effective Date: June 13, 1995

This Act authorizes a member of the retirement system for judges/solicitors who is at least sixty-five years of age and eligible, to elect to receive these benefits.

ROLLING HILLS RETIREMENT COMMUNITY (H.3526/R

82, Act No. A43) Effective Date: May 17, 1995

This Act will include Rolling Green Retirement Community in Greenville County as a Bird Sanctuary.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS - LEXINGTON COUNTY (H.3722)

Effective Date: April 11, 1995

This concurrent resolution recognizes and commends the Meals on Wheels volunteers of the Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission for the many tireless hours devoted to serving meals to the elderly and disabled residents of Lexington County.

OTHER LEGISLATION PENDING 1995:

BOARD OF PODIATRY (H.3307)

A bill to revise the procedures for nominating members and removal from office; to require the board offer examinations to practice podiatric medicine twice annually; to allow reciprocal licensing without taking an examination; to authorize the board to require mental or physical examinations, access records and use them in proceedings and to provide penalties for refusal to consent to these examinations and access to records.

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STATUS: PASSED HOUSE → Referred to Senate Medical Affairs, Favorable from Cmte. with amendments

EYEGLOSS LENSES EXEMPTION (H.3127)

A bill to exempt prescription eyeglass lenses and raw materials used in the fabrication of such lenses from sales and use tax. To provide that this exemption does not extend to eyeglass frames.

STATUS: Referred to House Ways and Means Cmte.

FREE ADMISSION TO THE STATE PARK FACILITIES (H.3061)

A bill to allow aged, blind, and disabled persons use of state park facilities free of charge.

STATUS: PASSED HOUSE, Referred to Fish, Game and Forestry Cmte.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - \$25,000 (S.51)

A bill to increase the amount of real property exempted from taxation from the first twenty thousand dollars of fair market value to the first twenty-five thousand dollars.

STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Cmte.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - \$30,000 (H.3035)

A bill to increase the amount of real property exempted from taxation from the first twenty-thousand dollars of fair market value to the first-thirty thousand dollars.

STATUS: Referred to House Ways and Means Cmte.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - \$40,000 (H.3572, S.107)

A bill to increase the exemption from the first twenty thousand dollars to forty thousand dollars beginning with the 1995 tax year.

STATUS: H.3572 → Referred to House Ways and Means Cmte., S.107 → Referred to Senate Finance Cmte.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION - FAIR MARKET VALUE

(H.3216)

A bill to exempt from property tax fair market value of residential property qualifying for the homestead exemption which represents increases in the fair market value of the property occurring after the property first qualifies for the homestead exemption.

STATUS: Referred to House Ways and Means Cmte.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FOR PERSON 70+ (H.3725)

A bill to allow an additional homestead exemption equal to one hundred fifty thousand dollars of fair market value of the homestead for an owner who has attained age seventy before the applicable tax year.

STATUS: House Ways and Means Cmte.

HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (S.52)

A bill to delete the date by which life estates created other than by will are otherwise eligible for the exemption.

STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Cmte.

HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (S.255)

A bill to exempt property receiving the homestead exemption from increases in fair market value due to reassessment.

STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Cmte.

HOSPITAL FAIR PRICING ACT (H.3583)

A bill to enact the Hospital Fair Pricing Act, to define terms, to allow acute care hospitals to purchase services from sole provider hospitals at a certain rate, to provide that the state health plan must contain a policy statement requiring access to health care services by a provider so that the provider may offer these services on a competitive basis, where competition is permitted.

STATUS: Referred to House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Cmte.

HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES AMENDMENT

(H.3197) A bill to provide that persons who live in certain parts of Georgia who hunt and fish, are at least age sixty-five of years or older and wish to attain free licenses, should be issued them.

STATUS: Referred to House Agriculture, Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Cmte.

INDIVIDUAL MEDICAL ACCOUNT ACT (H.3326, S.167)

A bill to create the Individual Medical Account Act allowing a person to deposit funds in an account established as a trust for the purpose of paying the medical, dental and long-term care expenses of the account holder and to provide for the duties of the trustee, to provide a tax exemption on interest earned.

STATUS: H.3326 → Referred to House Ways and Means Cmte.; S.167 → Referred to Senate Finance Cmte.

LONG TERM CARE SERVICES FOR ELDERLY (H.4178, S.801)

A Joint Resolution to direct the Governor to appoint a task force to develop a plan to restructure and consolidate state level programs which plan, fund, regulate, and deliver long-term care services for the elderly; and to develop a plan which addresses local level coordination of these services.

STATUS: H.4178 → Referred to House Ways and Means Cmte.; S.801 → Referred to Senate Medical Affairs Cmte.

PRESCRIPTION PROSTHETIC AND ORTHOTIC DEVICES EXEMPTION (H.3130)

A bill to exempt from sales tax prescription orthoptic devices and replacement parts for prescription prosthetic and orthotic devices.

STATUS: Referred to House Ways and Means Cmte.

PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL FOR ELDERLY (S.903)

A bill to create the Homestead Property Tax Deferral for the Elderly Act which allows elderly individuals entitled to the homestead property tax exemption to defer all or part of ad

valorem taxes levied on the homestead by filing an annual application.

STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Committee

ORGAN AND TISSUE DONATION AMENDMENTS

(H.3182)

A bill to require that counseling and a written statement regarding the donation and its proposed use be given to the person consenting; to prohibit body parts from a dead body removed during an autopsy to be used for organ or tissue donation unless consent had been obtained; to clarify that this permission is in addition to the consent of the decedent or next-of-kin.

STATUS: Referred to House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Cmte.

REGISTRATION FEE FOR VEHICLE OF PERSONS 65+

(H.3051)

A bill to provide that the registration fee of ten dollars annually is authorized for a person sixty-five years of age or older who leases a private passenger-carrying vehicle.

STATUS: PASSED House, Referred to Senate Transportation Cmte.

RESTRUCTURING STATE GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS (S.264)

A bill to amend the current Restructuring Act to include revision of Long Term Care Council and the Human Services Coordinating Council.

STATUS: PASSED SENATE, PASSED HOUSE w/amends, Sent to Senate w/amends., House amends. amended, Returned to House, Non-concurrence in Senate amends., Senate insists on amends., Conference Committee - Reps. Harrison, Hodges, Huff, Senators Jackson, Stilwell, Moore.

RETIREMENT INCOME (H.3082)

A bill to increase from three thousand to six thousand dollars the maximum amount of retirement income a taxpayer at least sixty-two years of age may deduct from taxable income.

STATUS: Referred to House Ways and Means Cmte.

STATE INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR 65+ (S.36)

A bill to exempt from state income tax resident individuals who have attained the age of sixty-five years.

STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Cmte.

STATE INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX (H.3270)

A bill to eliminate retirement income exclusion election; provide for the deduction of all retirement income beginning the taxable year the taxpayer attains age sixty-five and provide the deduction to surviving spouses.

STATUS: Referred to House Ways and Means Cmte.

UNIFORM CUSTODIAL TRUST ACT (H.3052)

A bill to enact the Uniform Custodial Trust Act which provides for the creation of a statutory custodial trust for adults whenever property is delivered to another as a custodial trustee under this Act.

STATUS: Referred to House Judiciary Cmte.

VEHICLE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION (S.570)

A bill to exempt fifty percent of the fair market value of a recreational vehicle owned by an individual who has attained age sixty-five.

STATUS: Referred to Senate Finance Cmte.

V. STUDY PENDING

- Evaluation of the effects of the Long Term Care Insurance Home/Community Optional Benefits by the Office of the Governor, Division on Aging, in cooperation with the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging and the SC Department of Insurance. Report evaluations to the General Assembly, January 1995 and January 1997 (1991 Act 165, Section 3, Code 38-72-60).

VI. ACTIVITIES

"LEGISLATIVE UPDATE" and PAMPHLETS

The status of legislation introduced by the Committee and other selected legislation related to aging interests are summarized periodically during the session. This "Legislative Update" is very popular among legislators, the aging network organizations and interested individuals. Copies are distributed upon request.

The "Summary of Legislation Related to Aging Interests" (28 pages) is updated after each session, distributed to House and Senate Research, State Library, the aging network, other state libraries and organizations as requested.

The Committee also distributes the following pamphlets:

- 1) "Joint Legislative Committee on Aging" provides brief history, members and legislative priorities; 2) "Aging Resources" lists state organizations, agencies and legislative committees interested in aging issues; 3) "Programs and Services for the Aged" lists age-related benefits; 4) "Your Right to Make Decisions About Health Care" complies with the federal Patient Self-Determination Act regarding advanced directives, i.e. "Living Wills" and "Health Care Power of Attorney"; 5) "State of South Carolina Homestead Tax Exemption Program" compiled by Comptroller General's office; 6) "South Carolina Services Information System" brochure for Seniors and all people with disabilities (1-800-922-1107).

SENIORS' LEGISLATIVE DAY '95

This year the SC Federation of Older Americans (SCFOA) hosted Seniors' Legislative Day '95 on Tuesday, March 7, 1995 at the Adams Mark Hotel in Columbia. Over 125 persons attended.

"Keeping the Issues Alive in '95" was the theme of this year's event which consisted of workshops and the annual luncheon to honor members of the General Assembly.

Dr. James Califf, President of the Federation, presided over the event and introduced the legislators. Ms. Constance C. Rinehart, Director of the Division on Aging, Office of the Governor, introduced the guest speaker, Senator Hugh Leatherman, Chair of the Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee and the Property Tax Reform Ad Hoc Committee, who spoke on "Legislative Issues Affecting Seniors."

Rep. Elsie Rast Stuart received the 1994 Legislator of the Year Award. Ed Galligan, Senior Reporter, WCSC TV, Channel 5, won the Media Person of the Year Award. Bob Corbett, a Meals on Wheels volunteer for Lexington County Recreation and Aging Commission, won the Volunteer of the Year Award. The Media Award of the Year went to "Good Morning Columbia", WSCQ Sunny 100.

Karen Jacobs, JLCOA staff, served on the Planning Committee. Staff of the Joint Legislative Committee on Aging conducted a workshop on legislative issues for the 1995 session.

ALZHEIMER'S TASK FORCE

Last year the Blue Ribbon Task Force to Study Services for Alzheimer's Victims and Their Families, appointed by the Committee on Aging, recommended in their report, *GRAY PLAGUE OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: Meeting the Needs of Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease, Their Families and Caregivers*, the establishment of the Alzheimer's Resource Coordination Center, Division on Aging, Office of the Governor (Code 44-36-310) and funding of local respite programs (\$100,000 FY94-95).

This year the JLCOA introduced three other legislative recommendations: Special Care Units Study by DHEC (H.3212, S.329 → passed) Inclusion of Alzheimer's disease in the State Health Plan (H.3192, S.346), Alzheimer's Disease Registry amendments (H.3929, S.703 → passed). While working on the FY95/96 Appropriation Bill, Senator Warren K. Giese proposed and the Senate passed \$150,000 for the Resource Coordination Center. However, \$100,000 was the final amount allocated for the Center by the General Assembly.

LEGISLATIVE INTERNS

Baylor University

Dana Blanton, Master of Science in Gerontology candidate, from Baylor University, Waco, Texas, interned from January 9 - April 21, 1995.

She prepared a brochure, "Programs and Services for the Aged," in response to inquiries generated by the Comptroller General's pamphlet on homestead exemption.

She also collected data on how many persons from Councils on Aging across the state have purchased state health and dental insurance and how it affected costs to the agencies, since enabling legislation was passed last year (Code 1-11-720(A)).

Her chief project was a preliminary study, Alzheimer's or Dementia Specific Care Units: Should They Be Regulated?. Copies were sent to the Department of Health and Environmental Control; Division on Aging, Office of the Governor; Alzheimer's Associations, Area Agencies on Aging, State Library (15) and Alzheimer's Task Force members.

Dana served as a issues workshop reporter at the Midlands mini-White House Conference on Aging and the Governor's White House Conference on Aging.

Agnes Scott College

Cheryl Monk participated in the ASC Externship program during the week of January 9-13, 1995. She attended a planning meeting for the Governor's White House Conference on Aging, a press conference, opening day of the 1995 legislative session,

an Advanced Directives Coalition meeting; House and Senate committee meetings, and toured the State House and the State Museum.

Caroline Hopps participated in the Shadow program on March 14, 1995. She attended House and Senate committee meetings and observed a session of the General Assembly.

COMMITTEE AND STAFF LIAISON ACTIVITIES

Members of the Committee and/or staff worked cooperatively throughout the year with the standing Committees of the House and Senate, Department of Health and Environmental Control, Joint Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee, Long Term Care Reform Subcommittee; Joint Legislative Committee for Persons with Disabilities and Special Needs, Governor's Office-Division on Aging, Comptroller General's Office, Health and Human Services Finance Commission, Human Services Coordinating Council, Adult Protective Services Coordinating Council, Department of Consumer Affairs, the State Library, American Association of Retired Persons, Alzheimer's Associations, Area Agencies on Aging, Councils on Aging, United Way, Manufactured Housing Institute of South Carolina, various colleges and universities.

Chairman Patrick B. Harris represents the Committee on the Health Care Planning and Oversight Committee and the Long Term Care Reform Subcommittee.

Senator Warren K. Giese was appointed a delegate by the Governor Campbell to the White House Conference on Aging held in Washington, DC May 2-5, 1995. He was unable to attend due to the Senate budget debate. He attended the Governor's White House Conference on Aging, March 2-3, 1995 at Myrtle Beach, SC.

Keller H. Barron, Director of Research, serves on the Advance Directives Coalition, the Adult Protection Coordinating Council as Committee designee, and on the South Carolina Health Decisions Committee. She was appointed a delegate by the Governor Campbell to the White House Conference on Aging. She attend the Midlands mini-White House conference as a facilitator, and was a state delegate and facilitator at the Governor's White House Conference on Aging.

VII. REPORTS

This year the Committee staff completed two reports:

- * Alzheimer's or Dementia Specific Care Units: Should They Be Regulated?
- * "State Health and Dental Insurance Enrollment Survey of Councils on Aging"

VIII. PUBLICATIONS

The following publications are available from the Committee office and distributed upon request:

- * Final Report, Advisory Committee on Adult Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of the Long Term Care Council; April 1992
- * Adult Day Care Survey of Needs of State Employees Report to the Committee, Human Resource Management Division, Budget and Control Board, 1991
- * Aging in South Carolina: Focus on Caregiving, SC Commission on Aging, 1993
- * Alzheimer's or Dementia Specific Care Units: Should They Be Regulated?, 1995
- * Annual Reports 1970-1995
- * Aging Resources, 1995
- * Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Registry, Annual Report, School of Public Health, 1994
- * Consumer's Guide to Long Term Care Insurance in SC, 1990
- * Declaration of a Desire for a Natural Death, as amended 1991
- * Directory of Housing for Seniors in SC, 1994
- * Economic Impact of the Senior Living Industry in SC, Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism, 1991
- * Elder Abuse: Questions and Answers, NCEA, 1995
- * Final Report: SC Community Long Term Care Waiting List Study, August 1993
- * GRAY PLAGUE OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY: Meeting the Needs of Individuals with Alzheimer's Disease, Their Families and Caregivers, Alzheimer's Task Force, 1993
- * Greying of South Carolina: Facing the 90's, Final Report; SC Humanities Council, 1990

- * Health Care Power of Attorney form, as revised 1992
- * Health Care for the Medically Indigent of SC: 1990 Health Access Update, Summary Report, 1992
- * Health of an Aging America: 1994 Bibliography, 1995
- * Highlights of Trends in the Health of Older Americans: United States, U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services, 1994
- * Homestead Tax Exemption Program, Comptroller General, 1994
- * Laws, Regulations, Policies and Procedures Affecting the Aged and Disabled Drivers in SC Report to the Committee, Department of Highways and Public Transportation, 1992
- * Legislative History of the "Living Will" and Health Care Power of Attorney, 1977-1993
- * Long Term Care and Related Services for the Elderly, Limited-Scope Review, Legislative Audit Council, 1993
- * Medicare Supplement Insurance Standardization Comparison of Annual Premium Rates in SC, Dept. of Insurance, 1995
- * Older Americans Act 1993
- * Panel Study of Older South Carolinians, Long Term Care Council, 1990
- * Profiles of Long Term Care Systems, AARP, 1994
- * Report on the Study of Applicants Seeking Medicaid-Sponsored Nursing Facility Care in SC, H&HSFC, July 1993
- * Discovering SC, Vol.2, No.1, 1994
- * SC Senior Citizens' Handbook, a Guide to Laws and Programs Affecting Senior Citizens, Young Lawyers Division, SC Bar, 1992
- * Senior Housing Survey Report, SC Commission on Aging, 1993
- * State Plan on Aging, SC Commission on Aging, 1993-96
- * Study of Home Equity Conversion Mortgages in SC, 1993
- * Summary of Legislation Related to Aging Interests Enacted Through 1995
- * Understanding Social Security, Social Security Admin., 1995
- * Volunteers and the Law in South Carolina, Young Lawyers Division of the SC Bar, 1993

IX. OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR **DIVISION ON AGING**

In 1971 the General Assembly designated the South Carolina Commission on Aging to administer the provisions and funds of the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, and to plan, coordinate and serve as an advocate for programs and services for older persons and their family caregivers.

Planning is coordinated for older South Carolinians in such areas as income, health, housing, employment, retirement and in-home and community-based services.

In July 1993, the Commission on Aging was abolished and the agency became a Division in the Governor's Office (R.276).

The "Aging Network" in South Carolina includes the Division and 10 Area Agencies on Aging which plan, develop and coordinate programs and services in their regions and 59 aging services providers.

PRIORITIES

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON AGING

South Carolina participated in the 1995 White House Conference on Aging with 27 delegates attending the national conference in Washington, D.C., May 2-5. Once each decade a national White House Conference on Aging is convened to address the needs of America's elderly and set aging-related policy for the coming decade. Planning for South Carolina's participation began in October led by a statewide task force.

Throughout the fall and winter community forums were held around South Carolina to identify issues for discussion at the Governor's White House Conference on Aging, held March 2-3 at Myrtle Beach. More than 500 delegates from across the state attended and approved 46 issues resolutions for the national delegates to take to Washington. Among the issues discussed at the state conference were housing, crime/personal safety, general health care, long-term care,

transportation, quality of life, families, income security and the future of the Older Americans Act.

THE ELDERCARE TRUST FUND

Established by legislation in 1992, the Trust Fund appears on the state income tax form. Taxpayers may make voluntary contributions which are distributed through grants for innovative programs and projects which help improve the quality of life for older South Carolinians in communities around the state. In 1995, legislation was amended to release funds previously held in escrow. Legislation now requires 25 percent of contributions above \$200,000 annually to be withheld in escrow. In 1994 approximately \$100,000 was contributed to the fund.

THE PARTNERSHIP FOR OLDER SOUTH CAROLINIANS

The Partnership is a joint venture between the Division on Aging and the United Way of South Carolina to develop collaborative community efforts to meet the needs of older persons and help them retain their independence. Contributions from the ElderCare Trust Fund are awarded by the Division on Aging to the Partnership for distribution through grants. In 1994 the Partnership awarded approximately \$45,000 in grants to eight projects around the state.

I-CARE PROJECT

Third-year funding was received from a federal grant to continue and expand the Division's I-CARE (Insurance Counseling Assistance and Referral for Elders) project, which recruits volunteers to assist seniors and their caregivers with accurate and objective information, assistance and advocacy relating to Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare Supplement and other health insurance. The project is a joint venture of the Division on Aging and the S.C. Department of Insurance.

PROJECT COPE

Third-year funding was received from a federal grant to continue and expand the Division's Project COPE (Care Options and Public Education), which is increasing the availability of Alzheimer's disease services in South Carolina. The project targets primarily minority and low-income people in rural areas, particularly those who live in the

Charleston Trident and Pee Dee regions, where services previously were limited.

ALZHEIMER'S RESOURCE COORDINATION CENTER

Established by legislation in 1994, the center was created as a statewide repository for information about Alzheimer's disease and related disorders as well as to coordinate statewide resources expanding and enhancing services. The center awarded \$72,150 in grants to eight communities to assist people with Alzheimer's Disease and their families. It also help established a toll-free information and referral line on Alzheimer's disease, which is operated by the S.C. Services Information System. (1-800-922-1107)

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES COALITION

Created in the summer of 1994 as a part of the State Health and Human Services plan, this statewide coalition is composed of representatives from state agencies, the health care, human services and business communities. The purpose is to implement a public awareness campaign about advance directives, commonly known as living wills and health care powers of attorney. In addition, the coalition is to facilitate training of professionals to help the public complete such documents, and to research legal and legislative issues regarding access to and implementation of advance directives throughout South Carolina.

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APPENDIX A: ACT 402 TO CREATE A PERMANENT COMMITTEE

(R 420, H.3247)(Code 2-51-10)

An Act to create a Permanent Committee to conduct continuing Studies of Public and Private Services, Programs and Facilities for the Aging.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Section 1. The General Assembly finds that the Committee to Study Public and Private Services, Programs and Facilities for the Aging, originally created H.1286 of 1969 and continued by concurrent resolution through 1977, fulfills a necessary and continuing legislative need and the functions of the committee can be more properly fulfilled by a permanent committee.

Section 2. There is created a permanent committee to conduct continuing studies of public and private services, programs and facilities for the aging in South Carolina and report its findings and recommendations annually to the General Assembly.

Three members shall be appointed from the Senate by the President thereof, three members shall be appointed from the House of Representative by the Speaker and three member shall be appointed by the Governor. Terms of legislative members shall be coterminous with their terms as members of the General Assembly and terms of members appointed by the Governor shall be coterminous with the term of the appointing Governor.

Members of the Committee shall receive mileage, per diem and subsistence as provided by law for members of boards, committees and commissions. Expenses of the committee shall be provided by an annual appropriation in the general appropriation act.

The Legislative Council shall provide such legal services as the Committee may require in the performance of its duties.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor.

Approved the 14th day of February 1978.

APPENDIX B: COUNTY COUNCILS ON AGING 1995

<u>County</u>	<u>Service Providers</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Abbeville	Abbeville Senior Center	459-9666
Aiken	Aiken Council on Aging	648-5447
Allendale	Allendale Council on Aging	584-4350
Anderson	Anderson/Oconee Council on Aging	225-3370
Bamberg	Bamberg Co. Office on Aging	245-3021
Barnwell	Barnwell Co. Office on Aging	541-1249
Beaufort	Beaufort Council on Aging	524-1787
	Neighborhood Legal Assist. Prog., Inc.	838-5001
Berkeley	Berkeley County Senior Citizens	761-6900
Calhoun	Calhoun Co. Agy. for Senior Citizens	874-1270
Charleston	Charleston Area Senior Citizens, Inc.	722-4127
	American Red Cross - Low Country	566-9965
	Neighborhood Legal Assist. Prog., Inc.	722-0107
	Sea Island Com. Health Ctr., Inc.	559-4137
	South Santee Community Center	546-2789
Cherokee	Cherokee Co. Services to the Aging	488-0476
Chester	Senior Services Inc. of Chester Co.	385-3810
Chesterfield	Chesterfield Council on Aging	623-2280
Clarendon	Clarendon Council on Aging	435-8593
Colleton	Colleton Council on Aging	549-7642
	Neighborhood Legal Assist. Prog., Inc.	549-9581
Darlington	Darlington Council on Aging	393-8521
Dillon	Dillon Council on Aging	774-0089
Dorchester	Dorchester Human Development Bd.	871-5053
Edgefield	Edgefield Senior Citizens Council	637-5326
Fairfield	Fairfield Council on Aging	635-3015
Florence	Florence Council on Aging	669-6761
Georgetown	Georgetown Council on Aging	546-8539
Greenville	Senior Action Inc.	467-3660
	Greenville Transit Authority	467-5000
	Greenville Urban League	244-3862
	Legal Services of Western Carolina	467-3232
Greenwood	Piedmont Agency on Aging	223-0164
Hampton	Hampton Council on Aging	943-7555

<u>County</u>	<u>Service Providers</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Horry	Horry Council on Aging	1-800-346-2957
Jasper	Jasper Council on Aging	726-5601
Kershaw	Kershaw Council on Aging	432-8173
Lancaster	Lancaster Council on Aging	285-6956
Laurens	Seniors Options, Inc.	984-2438
Lee	Lee Council on Aging	484-6212
Lexington	Lexington Co. Rec. & Aging Comm.	356-5111
	Chapin Aging Dept.	345-1310
	Irmo/Chapin Rec. Commission	731-0047
Marion	Marion Co. Council on Aging	423-4391
Marlboro	Marlboro Council on Aging	479-9951
McCormick	McCormick Council on Aging	465-2626
Newberry	Newberry Council on Aging	276-8266
Oconee	Anderson/Oconee Council on Aging	882-1673
Orangeburg	Orangeburg Council on Aging	531-4663
Pickens	Pickens Co. Seniors Unlimited	843-2275
Richland	Council on Aging of the Midlands	252-7734
Saluda	Saluda Council on Aging	445-2175
Spartanburg	Senior Centers of Spartanburg Co., Inc.	596-3910
Sumter	Santee Senior Services	773-5508
Union	Union Council on Aging	429-1682
Williamsburg	Santee Senior Services	354-5496
	Neighborhood Legal Assist. Prog., Inc.	354-7475
York	York Council on Aging	327-6694

APPENDIX C: AREA AGENCIES ON AGING 1995

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SERVICE PROVIDERS</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
I Appalachia	SC Appalachian Council of Governments Dr. Michael Stogner, Aging Unit Director Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, Spartanburg	242-9733
II Upper Savannah	Upper Savannah Council of Governments Ms. Sandra Johnson, Aging Unit Director Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, Saluda	941-8050 (800) 922-7729
III Catawba	Catawba Area Agency on Aging Ms. Sherron Marshall, Aging Unit Director Chester, Lancaster, York, Union	329-9670
IV Central Midlands	Central Midlands Reg. Planning Council Ms. Sherri Burriss, Human Services Manager Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry, Richland	771-0887
V Lower Savannah	Lower Savannah Council of Governments Linda Holmes, Aging Unit Director Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, Orangeburg	649-7981
VI Santee Lynches	Santee-Lynches Regional Council on Governments Ms. Connie D. Munn, Aging Unit Director Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, Sumter	773-6628
VII Pee Dee	Pee Dee Community Health Services Ms. Earlene Mark, Aging Unit Director Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon Florence, Marion, Marlboro	373-3632

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SERVICE PROVIDERS</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
VIII Waccamaw	Waccamaw Area Agency on Aging Ms. Barbara Blain, Aging Unit Director Georgetown, Horry, Williamsburg	349-2130
IX Trident	ElderLink, Incorporated Mr. James D. Dubs, Executive Director Berkeley, Charleston, Dorchester	745-1710
X Lowcountry	Lowcountry Council of Governments Ms. Yolanda Abram, Aging Unit Director Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, Jasper	726-5536

**APPENDIX D: COUNTY/MUNICIPALITIES HOMESTEAD TAX
EXEMPTION REIMBURSEMENTS TAX YEAR 1994**

COUNTY	NUMBER	AMOUNT
Abbeville	3,397	480,334.37
Aiken	12,025	1,451,419.69
Allendale	1,414	189,553.36
Anderson	16,309	2,087,260.49
Bamberg	1,967	294,225.36
Barnwell	2,346	255,406.37
Beaufort	9,497	1,078,133.13
Berkeley	6,064	741,703.03
Calhoun	1,303	168,284.32
Charleston	25,143	3,250,351.64
Cherokee	4,901	654,644.41
Chester	3,870	663,181.16
Chesterfield	4,140	425,767.13
Clarendon	2,773	449,244.39
Colleton	3,500	517,052.60
Darlington	6,503	763,984.67
Dillon	2,655	290,982.47
Dorchester	5,129	688,301.29
Edgefield	1,873	295,620.80
Fairfield	2,096	320,539.30
Florence	10,540	1,119,762.77
Georgetown	5,105	752,181.85
Greenville	28,532	4,260,713.46
Greenwood	7,274	916,097.28
Hampton	n/a	n/a
Horry	15,964	1,813,012.35
Jasper	1,397	228,189.98
Kershaw	4,500	605,252.11
Lancaster	5,101	806,251.44
Laurens	6,098	707,694.33
Lee	1,913	264,639.96
Lexington	13,729	2,255,273.69
McCormick	897	126,031.00
Marion	3,518	481,062.65
Marlboro	3,334	317,392.59
Newberry	4,934	753,561.02
Oconee	6,506	765,101.34
Orangeburg	8,075	1,316,878.94
Pickens	10,166	1,103,066.82
Richland	20,424	3,189,125.69
Saluda	1,898	325,547.19
Spartanburg	21,820	3,673,403.84
Sumter	7,575	1,103,664.17
Union	4,254	584,189.54
Williamsburg	3,106	476,513.00
York	11,493	1,464,920.00
STATE TOTALS	323,661	\$43,048,351.16

**APPENDIX E: SC ELDERLY POPULATION (AGE 65 YEARS+)
FOR 1980, 1990 AND PROJECTED 2000**

COUNTY	April 1, <u>1980</u>	April 1, <u>1990</u>	July 1, <u>2000</u>
Abbeville	2,821	3,499	3,330
Allendale	1,281	1,478	1,800
Anderson	14,348	19,592	23,200
Bamberg	2,005	2,143	2,300
Barnwell	2,111	2,462	2,800
Beaufort	5,303	10,564	18,800
Berkeley	4,583	7,336	13,400
Calhoun	1,411	1,767	1,500
Charleston	21,442	29,548	39,200
Cherokee	4,280	5,759	6,500
Chester	3,550	4,258	5,300
Chesterfield	4,027	4,888	6,600
Clarendon	2,978	3,716	4,600
Colleton	3,546	4,377	5,000
Darlington	5,946	7,370	9,100
Dillon	2,928	3,540	4,200
Dorchester	3,669	6,088	12,600
Edgefield	1,789	2,219	2,600
Fairfield	2,441	3,021	3,800
Florence	9,482	12,638	15,000
Georgetown	3,871	5,920	7,400
Greenville	27,391	37,862	44,400
Greenwood	6,585	8,221	8,600
Hampton	2,044	2,221	3,000
Horry	9,395	18,147	34,700
Jasper	1,535	1,915	1,700
Kershaw	3,835	5,238	7,000
Lancaster	5,182	6,657	8,200
Laurens	6,015	7,752	8,900
Lee	1,865	2,232	2,100
Lexington	9,581	14,846	19,900
McCormick	858	1,154	1,100
Marion	3,435	4,192	4,700
Marlboro	3,333	3,733	4,100
Newberry	4,458	5,108	5,100
Oconee	5,291	7,896	8,800
Orangeburg	8,359	10,427	11,500
Pickens	7,044	10,441	11,200
Richland	20,542	26,889	30,600
Saluda	2,022	2,332	2,700
Spartanburg	21,350	28,571	31,000
Sumter	6,795	9,534	11,200
Union	3,659	4,470	5,100
Williamsburg	3,674	4,369	4,500
York	9,245	13,924	17,000
TOTAL	287,328	394,049	495,500

APPENDIX F: SC ELECTION STATISTICS VOTER ACTIVITY BREAKDOWN 65+ BY COUNTY FOR 1994

COUNTY	TOTAL <u>REGISTERED</u>	TOTAL <u>VOTED</u>	% <u>VOTED</u>
Abbeville	2,456	1,702	69.29
Aiken	10,591	7,412	69.98
Allendale	1,098	739	67.30
Anderson	12,100	8,654	71.52
Bamberg	1,639	1,079	65.83
Barnwell	1,915	1,278	66.73
Beaufort	10,766	8,117	75.39
Berkeley	6,066	4,412	72.73
Calhoun	1,318	917	69.57
Charleston	23,039	16,564	71.89
Cherokee	3,937	2,801	71.14
Chester	2,940	1,993	67.78
Chesterfield	3,154	2,151	68.19
Clarendon	2,994	2,088	69.73
Colleton	3,076	2,195	71.35
Darlington	4,879	3,537	72.49
Dillon	2,454	1,621	66.05
Dorchester	5,105	3,346	65.54
Edgefield	1,721	1,303	75.71
Fairfield	1,928	1,396	72.40
Florence	8,790	6,145	69.90
Georgetown	4,987	3,535	70.88
Greenville	25,269	18,910	74.83
Greenwood	5,196	3,597	69.22
Hampton	1,989	1,658	83.35
Horry	16,560	11,808	71.30
Jasper	1,513	1,005	66.42
Kershaw	4,147	3,202	77.21
Lancaster	4,534	3,472	76.57
Laurens	4,842	3,439	71.02
Lee	1,887	1,297	68.73
Lexington	11,941	9,003	75.39
McCormick	994	718	72.23
Marion	3,088	1,919	62.14
Marlboro	2,457	1,507	61.33
Newberry	3,671	2,580	70.28
Oconee	5,757	4,318	75.00
Orangeburg	8,318	5,749	69.11
Pickens	6,419	4,512	70.29
Richland	20,287	14,903	73.46
Saluda	1,730	1,233	71.27
Spartanburg	16,945	11,243	66.34
Sumter	6,684	4,680	70.01
Union	3,257	2,319	71.20
Williamsburg	3,633	2,498	68.75
York	9,576	6,965	72.73
TOTALS	287,647	205,520	71.44%

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